



Welcome home sizzles for New Jersey Soldiers

More than 145 Soldiers from two New Jersey National Guard units were welcomed home by friends and family at Fort Dix June 19 after 15 months in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Clinton Valentine of Company D, 250th Brigade Support Battalion, gets a warm greeting from family during the ceremony at the guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center. Company D is based in Bordentown, and shared the homecoming with C Troop, 5-117th Cavalry Division, based in Vineland. The units flew into McGuire Air Force Base from Kuwait early Monday. Soldiers from the two units will go through a variety of demobilization processing during the next four days, before being released from active duty. See page 4 for more photos.

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Bosslift shows off mission



Pascual Flores

CITIZEN-SOLDIER -- A Soldier stands guard at the Forward Operating Base as more than 100 guests get a glimpse at military life during Bosslift '07 at Fort Dix June 15. The event was designed to give employers a better appreciation for their employees' military commitments.

Carolee Nisbet
Editor

For civilian employers of Soldiers in the National Guard and Reserve, mobilization is simple, if not easy: Valued members of their workforce disappear for a couple of years.

Fort Dix partnered with the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve June 15 to fill in the blanks with a day-long, hands-on look at training and mobilization.

The nation's Reserve components (referring to the total of all National Guard members and Reserve forces from all branches of the military) comprise approximately 46 percent of our total available military manpower.

In this environment, civilian employers play a critical role in the defense of the nation by complying with existing employment laws protecting the rights of workers who serve in the Reserve component.

ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. It is the lead DoD organization for this mission.

More than 100 guests flooded through the newly-renovated Timmermann Center for breakfast, helmet fitting and a series of briefings designed to set the backdrop for a day on the training ranges.

The trip to the Range 59 Complex was brief, a few noisy minutes in either a UH-60 helicopter.

A row of military vehicles drew lots of attention, as people got close-up looks at HUMVEES and other weapons.

Then came the real treat. It was chow time and all the employers were introduced to the culinary cuisine of today's field Soldier: Meals-Ready-to-eat.

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Team Dix ready to rock n'roll

If you agree with television icon Tony Soprano that every year should be 1954, then Team Dix has a treat for you.

It'll be Rock & Roll on Team Dix Day, Tuesday, June 26, at John Mann Park from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for employees and Soldiers.

The theme of Sarah's Drive-In will be a revel celebrating the 50's. Baby boomers, especially, can get down while younger contemporaries contemplate the strange social phenomenon of nostalgia run amok.

After all, who can possibly do justice to the 1950s?

It was the age of television (Newton Minnow calling the media "a vast wasteland"), tract houses, standardized suburbs, sometimes grotesque-looking automobiles, long skirts, and underrated cinematic classics (or "bad movies" in some critics' views).

Team Dix's Rock & Roll will pay homage to all that.

Vintage cars will be in evidence. And Elvis will even make an appearance. The King is slated to shake in at 1:30 p.m. It's not known whether he will listen to song requests because, when you're that much of an icon, you tend to sing what you feel like. But Elvis was

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Asphalt honors: It's a Grand old street

With a little muffled laughter and a lot of good will, Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base honored a long-time friend of the military June 22 by naming a street in his honor.

With the unveiling of a standard brown sign, Cambridge Street became Nick Grand Street.

"I went through basic training at Fort Dix in Company A, 36th Training Battalion," Grand told the group of friends and family who gathered to witness the 9 a.m. event. "and here I'm getting my name on a street."

Grand said he is willing to accept the responsibility of have a street named for him, and has even planned for the future: "Once this ceremony is over, I will be interviewing for street cops and streetsweepers ..." he announced.

Grand, whose multi-faceted career includes a stint as Public Affairs Officer at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, ownership of a radio station and a heavy commitment as an almost daily volunteer for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program at Fort Dix, has been link between the community and the military for more than 60 years. He now serves mobilizing and demobilizing Soldiers at Fort Dix by ensuring that they are aware of their responsibilities and entitlements in relation to their civilian jobs.

"I've only known Nick for three years, but it's been an interesting time," said Col. Dave McNeil, installation commander. "There is no one more dedicated, no one who cares more about our military. There are no words or deeds that could come close to repaying the debt we owe this man."

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ON THE MAP -- Long-time friend of Fort Dix and key representative of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program Nick Grand, right, listens to a poem written in his honor by Col. Rick Martin, Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, during a ceremony June 15 naming a street after him. Brig. Gen. Kip Self, commander, USAF Expeditionary Center and Col. Dave McNeil, commander, Fort Dix, also joined in the ceremony.

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Cruisin' Delaware Bay

Cape May-Lewes Ferry rocks

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff



Had a laugh the other night watching the 1955 war potboiler *Battle Cry* on a DVD. In one scene, Aldo Ray and other Marines were jeering at John Lupton's chance for spending his furloughs riding the San Diego ferry instead of engaging in more lusty pursuits. Our hero replied that ferry boat rides gave him time to think, away from maddening leather-necks, so to speak. Plus, he eventually met Ann Francis on an evening jaunt across the bay.

Although I didn't see anybody resembling Ann Francis last Saturday on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry ride the trip nonetheless was enjoyable. For about \$30 you can sit on a sun deck and enjoy ocean breezes, imbibing a touch of the sea for 75 minutes while your car is secured on lower decks in the sojourn between the Delaware Capes (Cape May on the New Jersey Side and Cape Henlopen touching Lewes in Delaware).

I decided to cross over from the Delaware side, seeing a little of the "First State" before sailing. It was about 160 miles from Fort Dix to Lewes. I followed scenic Route 9 which wound around the Delaware coast and passed through about three wildlife preserves before reaching Route 1 on down the coast to Lewes.

The ferry and its four brothers in the fleet measure 320 feet long and 68 wide. And they have all the luxuries. After scouting out the snack bars and touring the ship, I just sat on the decks and relaxed.

Interested parties can receive more details at www.capemaylewes-ferry.com or can phone (800) 643-3779.

-photos by Steve Snyder



OFF BEATEN PATH -- Snaking down from Fort Dix on Route 295 until crossing the Delaware Memorial Bridge, savvy day-trippers can follow many wildlife preserves by following scenic Route 9, which bends around Delaware Bay, until running into Route 1 which leads to Lewes and the ferry across to Cape May. A single passenger traveling in one vehicle on the ferry pays only \$29 to savor a reviving salt-sprayed trip lasting about 75 minutes.



FIRST STATE - Driving across the majestic Delaware Memorial Bridge brings visitors into the "First State" that ratified the Constitution of the United States.



CROSSING THE BAY -- Ships sailing from Lewes to Cape May, or vice versa, leave from either port about every 45 minutes during the summer season. Passengers departing in Delaware can visit nearby Rehoboth Beach or, a little further south, Ocean City in Maryland. Those touching down in New Jersey, of course, aren't too far from Atlantic City or some premier beaches on the East Coast.



SAVORING THE SEA -- Sun-baked sybarites bask in rays and sea air during a crossing late Saturday from Lewes to Cape May. Civilians don't go to sea to suffer through a Spartan existence. Sun decks, bars, snack bars and the like add upholstery to nature's delights.



LEAVING LEWES -- Two views departing Delaware.



CAPE MAY TERMINAL -- Passengers arrive at Cape May eager to dive into the joys of the Garden State.



CONTEMPLATING NATURE -- A passenger checks out a lighthouse in the harbor as the ferry leaves Lewes.

Arming for Korea



David Pond Willis, Post Photographer, Fort Dix, 1950

Fort Dix celebrates its 90th birthday next month and the post has tackled many missions over the years. In this photo from the basic training yearbook published at Fort Dix sometime in 1950, Soldiers from Co. E, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg., 9th Infantry Division, work to keep U.S. M1s in mint condition. General Patton called the M1 rifle "the greatest battle implement ever devised" and they were used in World War II and the Korean War, which began June 25, 1950. At the outbreak of the Korean conflict, Fort Dix's mission was to conduct basic training for newly-enlisted troops, many of whom left here for combat in Korea.



Off the cuff
"Where are you going for summer vacation?"



Kimberly Henne
Victim Advocate, ACS
"We're taking a family vacation to Vermont, Connecticut and New York. Vermont and upstate New York are just breathtaking, especially around the Lake Champlain, Burlington areas."



Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Office
"I'm going to San Diego to see the kids. I've never been to California and plan to visit the Naval base there. As a former sailor, I'd like to see how the Navy has changed over the years."



Hannah McCarthy
Manpower officer, RMO
"I'm looking for a retirement home and Savannah (Ga.) is on my list. It's supposed to be a classic example of Southern hospitality. I was disappointed in my old home, Alabama. It's just not the same."



Melody Giovanni
Manager 305th Medical Group, McGuire AFB
"St. Martin in the Caribbean. I lived in Puerto Rico for four years and my daughter is learning French so the island should be a nice place to practice."

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UNVEILING -- Brig. Gen. Kip Self, commander, USAF Expeditionary Center, Col. Dave McNeil, Fort Dix commander, and Col. Rick Martin, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, assist Nick Grand in unveiling one of the signs naming the street in his honor.

Dix street named for Grand

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Col. Rick Martin, commander of the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, welcomed Grand's family and recounted his friendship with Grand during his years at McGuire.

He noted that as Nick prides himself on his poetry, he wrote a verse in his honor:

*We gather here as friends of Nick
To honor a man who is quite a pick!*

*We all know the mind of Nick
He's a man with a wit that is very quick!*

*We dedicate this road as Nick Grand Street
To achieve this great honor is certainly no small feat.*

*So let's all honor the man we know as Mr. Grand
He's a legend in the land, let's all give him a hand!*

Brig. Gen. Kip Self, commander of the USAF Expeditionary Center, noted that Grand has extensive ties to his family's home in Greece and carries the family title of Patriarch, which also applies to his life and ties to the military.

"He has a heart the size of Texas, and he is a mentor to many and a friend to all," Self said.

The street, off Texas Avenue and alongside the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, was constructed in 1965, when the Center was built to serve as the inprocessing site for basic trainees.

Streets in the area were named for U.S. cities.



IDO -- Nick Grand, ESGR chief and long-time supporter of Fort Dix, accepts the street named in his honor.



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NEWSNOTES

Resume workshop offers marketing skills

Prepare yourself for that dream job! Fort Dix Army Community Service in partnership with Burlington County College, Job Placement Office, is offering a resume workshop Monday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will be held in the Army Community Service Conference Room, Bldg. 5201 Maryland Ave. Register by calling Rod Martell, Army Community Service (609) 562-2186, or e-mail rod.rodriguez-martell@us.army.mil. Seating is limited to 20 people.

101st Screaming Eagle veterans sought

The 101st Airborne Division Association, with headquarters at Fort Campbell, KY, is seeking "lost" Screaming Eagle veterans who served with the Division during its ongoing history from World War II to Iraq. With 8,500 members and 32 Chapters, including Eagles recently returned from a second tour in Iraq, the Association is a vibrant, dynamic organization.

Activities include the 62nd National Reunion in Omaha, NE, August 8 - 11, and special programs to comfort our hospital wounded and assist today's Eagles and their families. For further information, contact the Association at 32 Screaming Eagle Boulevard, PO Box 929, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-0929; MAIL TO: assocmemberinfo@comcast.net; check the website at <http://www.screamingeagle.org>, or call (931) 431-0199 ext. 35.

Self-Help Store relocated, hours expanded

The Fort Dix Self Help Store serves the directorates and tenant organizations on Fort Dix by providing a variety of do-it-yourself items to customers to include light bulbs, air filters, snow melt, gardening tools, and many other common items. Effective June 1, the Self Help Store will relocate across the street to building 5322 (behind DPW on Delaware Avenue) and expand the hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

Black River & Western Railroad System steams up for Railroad Days

The Black River and Western Railroad system will host Railroad Days beginning today, through June 24.

On Friday, June 22, events will begin with a photo freight between Ringoes and Flemington. This train is perfect for railfans and anybody interested in spending an afternoon taking pictures of a variety of railroad equipment. The freight will include recently restored Pennsylvania Railroad equipment.

The photo freight requires advance reservations. Call Marian LaRowe at 908-797-7300 or email her at mlarowe@verizon.net or mlarowe@verizon.net for information and reservations.

On Saturday and Sunday June 23-24, enjoy a passenger train or caboose train ride from Flemington to Ringoes, then tour the yard. At Ringoes yard we will feature several operating model train layouts, an "open house" of our steam locomotive restoration project, a speeder display, a locomotive horn demonstration, and more.

Train tickets will be available at Ringoes and Flemington stations on a first come first serve basis on June 23-24. Visit www.brrht.org/railroaddays.html for the full train schedule, fares, and additional information. The Black River & Western Railroad System web site is www.brrwt.com.

Need to know about veterans benefits? Head for Army Community Service June 28

Veterans are invited to a seminar loaded with guidance on how to get information on how to access VA Compensation/Benefits, medical and counseling services and financial grant assistance Thursday, June 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. The event will be held at Army Community Services, Bldg. 5201 Maryland Ave. Call 562-2767 for more information.

Rock n'roll with Team Dix

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never hard to get along with.
Contests will include a test to determine who can look most like Barbie and Ken, classic dolls from the 50s who proved more animated than hippies a decade later.
A prize will also go to whoever has the guts to wear the neatest 50s outfit, and we look forward to poodle skirts, Drive-In. Nobody does it better!
There will be a dance contest, too, a Lego building contest and a giant prize -- a 42" plasma TV (ideal for viewing 50s reruns on TV Land or Nickelodeon).
And, of course, your food favorites including hamburgers, chicken from the grill, a menu of side dishes and funnel cakes and ice cream for dessert.
So get down at Sarah's Drive-In. Nobody does it better!
There will be a dance contest!

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McGuire AFB, 4000s, 4400s and 4500s

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Yard and garden waste is

picked up every Monday and Tuesday

PLEASE PUT TRASH OUT

ONLY ON SCHEDULED DAYS.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN!

Jersey Guard Soldiers welcomed home



More than 145 Soldiers from two New Jersey National Guard units were welcomed home by friends and family at Fort Dix June 19 following an extended deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Capt. Alex Tran, commander of Company D, 250th Brigade Support Battalion, left, prepares to release his unit to join waiting family and friends. First Sgt. Michael Rigby, Company D, 250th BSB, left below, gets hugs from his wife Linda and daughter Kasey. Four-year-old Calie is overjoyed to see her dad, Sgt. Terry Darr of Company D, 250th BSB, below. The 250th BSB and C Troop of the 117th Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition returned from their extended deployment in Iraq with the 1-34th Brigade Combat Team.

photos by Kryn P. Westhoven, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Public Affairs



Ryan Morton

Forty year dash

Jay Schopp, the Fort Dix director of Resource Management, receives an honor for his 40th year of federal government service. He spent 20 years in the Army as a Soldier, 11 on Active Duty and nine in the Reserve, and has been working at Dix since 1979. He has been the director of Resource Management for the past three years and has been working in the Resource Management department since 1988.

Army launches new Iraq offensive

WASHINGTON, June 19, 2007 – The beginning of a new offensive targeting al Qaeda in the Iraqi city of Baqubah highlights recent operations reported by military officials in Iraq.

Troops began Operation Arrowhead Ripper in Baqubah today, killing 22 insurgents in a large-scale effort to eliminate al Qaeda members. The 2nd Infantry Division's 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team launched the offensive with a quick-strike night air assault early this morning. By daylight, attack helicopters and ground forces had engaged and killed the enemy fighters in and around Baqubah.

About 10,000 Soldiers, with a full complement of attack helicopters, close-air support, Strykers and Bradley fighting vehicles, are taking part in Arrowhead Ripper, which is still in its opening stages. Elements of the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team from Fort Hood, Texas, the 2nd Infantry Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team from Fort Lewis, Wash., and the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, also are participating in the operation.

"One of the keys as we initiate combat actions and operations here is the newly formed Diyala Operations Center," Bednarek said. "It serves as an integration center that will coordinate all activities in Diyala (including) the police,

the army and coalition forces from Task Force Lightning.

In a separate operation south of Baghdad today, coalition forces raided a series of buildings targeting associates of an al Qaeda Emir in the area. As ground forces approached the buildings, a man ran out of the house and rushed toward coalition forces, ignoring the soldiers' translator's instructions to stop.

Coalition forces, reacting to the perceived hostile threat, shot and killed the man. Inside the building, coalition forces detained a suspected terrorist with alleged ties to the targeted Emir, military officials said.

Additionally, coalition forces captured a suspected associate of senior al Qaeda leaders in the Iraqi capital today, and detained three suspects with alleged ties to terrorist leaders. Troops also found a small weapons cache.

In Anbar province, two separate coalition operations today netted six suspected terrorists associated with senior al Qaeda leaders, officials said. Troops nabbed three individuals south of Fallujah for their alleged involvement in planting improvised explosive devices and organizing terror-

ist groups in the area. Forces detained three suspects with alleged ties to terrorist leaders west of Tarmiyah.

During two operations in Mosul today, coalition forces detained two suspected terrorists in raids targeting individuals involved in a terrorist cell responsible for hijacking and kidnapping operations, and financing terrorist activities.

"Our continued pressure on the leaders and operatives of the al Qaeda network is allegedly responsible for denying them breathing space in Iraq," said Army Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a Multinational Force Iraq spokesman.

"The crumbling network has no place in the future of Iraq." Soldiers from the 5th Iraqi Army Division killed four extremist gunmen and detained two others during two engagements in Baqubah yesterday. In a separate engagement nearby, coalition attack helicopters from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade and coalition ground forces identified four extremists operating in a wooded area. Attack helicopters engaged and killed the four

extremists. Coalition forces raided a building in Baghdad yesterday and captured a suspected terrorist linked to a car bomb network. The detainee allegedly obtains supplies and components for the car bomb network. On June 17, Multinational Division Baghdad soldiers detained six suspects at an alleged IED cell site near Abu Saïda. While searching the area, soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, detained the men allegedly responsible for recent attacks on civilians, Iraqi security forces and coalition forces in the area, officials said.

In the village of Duraiya the same day, soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, detained five suspects and seized a rifle. The unit's mission, according to the battalion's leaders, was to disrupt key insurgent networks in the battalion's area of operation.

"When the enemy chooses not to engage us, in the areas they consider sanctuaries, it shows us that the enemy fears us. It also shows the local population that we will protect them," said Army 1st Lt. Josh Powers, assistant operations officer, 15th Infantry Regiment.

"The end state is to destroy the al Qaeda influences in this province and eliminate their threat against the people."

Brig. Gen. Mick Bednarek, deputy commanding general of operations, 25th Infantry Division

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Channel 2

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Soldiers tackle laundry list of training

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Summer is nearly here and the troop surge is in full swing at Fort Dix. Traffic continues to escalate throughout the installation, and in the next few months more than 4,000 Soldiers will be on the ground training for various Global War on Terrorism missions.

Dix trains Soldiers for a plethora of tasks, including detainee operations, convoy training, and security forces missions, just to name a few. Each unit that comes to the installation goes through the general instruction the post offers and then focuses on preparing the Soldiers for their specialized unit tasks.

The 275th Quartermaster Company just completed the Army Training Evaluation Program, or ARTEP, where they participated in training based on what their primary taskings will be in their theater of operations. The ARTEP represents the final mission-essential preparations a unit undergoes before deployment.

In this case, the 275th QM Co. performed the duties of a cleaning service, running several laundry loads. This quartermaster unit, a part of the Army Reserve hailing from Blackstone, Va., will be responsible for, among other things, doing the laundry, running the water in the showers, and tailoring the uniforms for thousands of Soldiers in various areas of combat operations.

They are comprised of many Military Occupational Specialties, or MOSS, such as shower, laundry and clothing specialists, mechanics, and combat engineers, and have many veterans who have served in conflicts before ranging from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Desert Storm.

To do the laundry, these approximately 106 Soldiers use a sophisticated piece of machinery called the Laundry Advanced System, or LADS. The LADS is a \$1-million unit designed to wash and dry clothes in the field setting. It has two



WASH AND WEAR -- Spc. Jermel Freeman, 275th Quartermaster Company, above, unloads clean clothing from a Laundry Advanced System (LADS), top right, during the Army Training Evaluation Program (ARTEP) at Fort Dix. Freeman and fellow 275th Soldiers Pfc. Desjawn Dayanderson and Spc. Peter Hrynkiwicz, right, are preparing to deploy with their Army Reserve unit in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

laundry drums which can each wash and dry 200 pounds of laundry per hour and can provide service to approximately 500 Soldiers in the field per 20-hour operating period. It requires an external potable water supply and runs on JP-8, a

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kerosene-based fuel. Approximately 400 gallons of water are used per day and each LADS unit includes a water recycling system.

The Soldiers of this unit washed and dried several loads on two LADS systems set up on Dix to get a taste of what the work level will be like in theater.

"We're all motivated, focused, and ready for the challenge. Everyone here has really

stepped up. We're ready to get this mission completed so we can get back home," Sgt. Jerry Rubinos said.

This unit has been at Dix since early May, and after a long, hard stretch of preparation has now hit the climax of its pre-deployment training. The 275th QM Co. Soldiers feel that Dix has prepared them well for what is to come.

"I like the fact that the trainers make the scenarios seem as realistic as possible," Rubinos said.

"We were lost when we first got here, but now we know how to react to IEDs, ambushes, sniper fire, run security, and many other things," he said.

These Soldiers appear ready to mobilize and get the show on the road and keep the primary focus in the forefront of their minds: To accomplish the mission and more importantly, get everyone back home safely.



photos by Ryan Morton



photos by Ryan Morton

Crawl, walk, run

Instructors from the Fort Dix Noncommissioned Officer Academy, including Staff Sgt. Miguel Castillo and Staff Sgt. Timothy Forbes, below, put on a demonstration for students in the academy's Warrior Leader Course. The students are given the opportunity to see how to properly perform a task before being asked to do so themselves.



Rock & Roll

on

Team Dix Day

Celebrate the 50's

June 26, 2007
at
John Mann Park
1130-1600

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(continued from page 1) was the Forward Operating Base, where visitors toured the complex and saw more training as role-players (Civilians On The Battlefield) was on.

The employers first tentatively, then voraciously tore into the MREs, comparing favorites and techniques with the Soldiers.

The visitors next moved to firing ranges, where each person had the opportunity to fire a weapon, and on to the Mobile Military Operations in Urban Terrain site. There, they got a close-up look at training as a mobilizing unit swept through the mock village and hunted down a terrorist, a session that included conversations with the local sheik.

The last stop of the day

The most common comment offered by employers was, "Wow! I never thought training was like this, and I have a real admiration now for what Soldiers do every day."

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stormed a checkpoint guarded by Soldiers.

They also joined the troops currently training in the FOB for dinner.

After closing comments by Col. McNeil, the group headed back to main post and the end of the day-long opportunity to see how Soldiers train and what their employees do while on active duty and away from their civilian jobs.

The most common comment by employers was, "Wow! I never thought it was like this, and I have a real admiration now for what Soldiers do."



ENLIGHTENING EVENT -- Maj. Gen William Terpeluk, commanding general, 77th Regional Readiness Command, far left, offers some shooting tips to Sherri Matzel, Terpeluk's supervisor at Merck Pharmaceuticals where he works as a civilian. Sgt. Rodney Gresham, a Small Arms Readiness Group instructor, above left, assists Lou Santoro, Tri-Mountain Builders, Durham, Conn., during a weapon-simulation demonstration. Spc. Peter Wilson, 1079th Garrison Support Unit, near right, shows his civilian employer Michael Dinardi from Midco Waste Systems the power source of an Army Humvee. Soldiers of Third Squad, 1st Platoon, Delta Company of the 1st Battalion, 175 Infantry, below, talk to employers about their military commitment for the Global War on Terrorism during Bosslift '07 at Fort Dix June 15.

photos by Fort Dix Public Affairs Staff



LEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

AAFES to open new shopette in June

AAFES will be opening a new Shopette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a God-fathers Pizza, which we suspect will do a booming business.

We will be hiring crew members and delivery people starting in mid May (closer to opening time for the drivers). Starting pay for crew members is \$8.69 per hour. As for the delivery people, they start at \$7.40 per hour. However AAFES provides the vehicle and drivers keep their tips.

To apply, visit www.aafes.com and click the employment link.

Resume workshop coming to ACP

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Trenton Thunder offers discount to military

The Trenton Vet Center and Trenton Thunder baseball team are offering baseball tickets at a reduced rate for active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members, and retirees. Regular \$10 tickets will be offered at \$7 for veterans and their families. Be sure to bring a picture ID, plus either a military ID, Federal Department of Veterans Affairs medical ID, or DD Form 214.

Garden Terrace 1100 Area fencing to begin July 2

Beginning **July 2**, the Garden Terrace 1100 Area will be fenced off to become part of the Garden Terrace construction area. No families will be residing in the 1100 Area when this change occurs.

The additional fencing will not affect access to any other portion of Fort Dix. Access to the Fort Dix Youth Center and the Garden Terrace 1200, 1300, and 1600 housing areas will continue to be via West 10th Street off of New Jersey Avenue. Access to the Fort Dix Elementary School and the Julistown Road checkpoint will continue to be via Montpelier Street off of New Jersey Avenue. The portion of Julistown Road between Montpelier Street and West 10th Street will continue to be temporarily closed. The detours signs will remain in place to direct traffic. The Julistown Road checkpoint will be unaffected by this change.

A site map of the affected area is enclosed. The area of additional fencing is identified on this map as "Parcel F3". This parcel is located between Hemlock Street and the east end of Garden Terrace (near the Fort Dix Elementary School) and is located south of Julistown Road.

The purpose of the fencing is to provide a construction area that is independently fenced off from the remainder of the Fort Dix cantonment area. This will alleviate the need for hundreds of construction personnel to access any on-post housing area. It will also prevent the need to route construction vehicles through the installation to the housing area from the Commercial Vehicle Gate. The fencing will prevent heavy construction traffic from entering adjoining residential neighborhoods, thus protecting neighborhood children from traffic as well as from other ongoing construction activities. The fencing will also allow for a smoother construction flow which should shorten the amount of time for project completion by one year thus lessening the inconvenience to neighboring residents.

Construction in the 1100 Area will last about 1.5 years. As construction areas are completed, they will be removed from the fenced-in construction area as soon as possible. Throughout the project United Communities will try to meld convenience to neighboring residents with the safety and performance of construction activities.

USO continues tradition of service

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

When one thinks of the USO (United Service Organizations), memories of Bob Hope, Marilyn Monroe, Lee Greenwood, Toby Keith and others visiting the troops during World War II, Viet Nam, and the Persian Gulf, come to mind.

However, this venerable organization does much more than just entertain the troops. It has a very long and rich history of service to both country and the Fort Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst communities.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt saw a need to keep the military people in touch with civilian life. He requested Congress to issue a national charter for an organization that would do just that. He did not want it to be a military organization, as this would defeat the purpose, so he requested the aid of the Salvation Army, YMCA, YWCA, National Catholic Community Services, National Jewish Welfare Board, and the Travelers Aid Association to combine resources and ideas, and created the USO to provide a bridge between the military and civilian worlds.

The USO is a non-profit, privately funded organization that has consistently delivered its special brand of

support, comfort, morale and recreational services to service members and their families.

The mission of the USO is "to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families worldwide and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities."

Though the wider perception exists of the USO as primarily an entertainment organization, 95 percent of the USO programs, services, and outreach are delivered by volunteers and staff to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen 365 days a year in more than 120 locations throughout the globe.

Airport centers provide relief to weary military travelers and their families; mobile centers take USO hospitality to the troops in remote locations; care packages deliver a taste of home to deployed members in Southwest Asia, the mid-East, Europe and Asia; and thousands of volunteers ensure that troops departing and returning to American soil receive a farewell and welcome home.

The local chapter of the USO was originally incorporated two months after the national charter was granted, as USO of Philadelphia. More recently, the chapter was reincorporated as

USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Inc., also known as Liberty USO.

Liberty USO has more than 300 locations in the greater Philadelphia area with its headquarters offices at Philadelphia Airport. In 2006, Liberty USO military service centers, bases and events provided services to more than 180,000 armed forces members and their families. USO volunteers logged 22,000 hours of service in 2006 alone.

Liberty USO maintains a close relationship with the Fort Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst communities. Its support has been in the areas of moral, recreation and entertainment including air shows, street shows, and other programs.

Some of the programs include: Marriage enrichment, survivor networking, summer camps, phone cards, Helping Hand, Operation Salute, Liberty Cares Food Vouchers, Liberty Claus Program and much more.

At the Forward Operating Base (FOB), Liberty USO partners with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate to provide a trailer where Soldiers can relax and participate in the United Through Reading program. The program provides children's books for Soldiers to read while being video taped, which are

then sent to their children at home.

After 9-11, the mission at Fort Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst changed in that the Liberty USO board decided to locate an office in the Passenger Terminal on McGuire Air Force Base to meet the more urgent need to support processing of troops for deployment and redeployment.

The chapter works closely with the commands of both bases to coordinate support of departures and arrivals. The local coordinator then organizes her volunteers, food and care packages which are provided at the terminal, for departures, and Bravo Company, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, for arrivals. Those Soldiers that are departing for the overseas arena can receive phone cards to help them keep in communication with their families back home.

The USO has been instrumental in the refurbishment of a dayroom in the new Medical Hold-Over barracks. Coordinating donations from outside companies such as Ethan Allen and Lockheed Martin, along with many others, Liberty USO was able to refurbish the entire dayroom with top-of-the-line furniture, a new television, and other items.

Another project spearheaded by Liberty USO was the upgrade and enhancement of a kitchen on Fort Dix (continued on page 12)

Train event coming to Flemington

The Black River and Western Railroad is hosting its annual Railroad Days event June 22-24, beginning with a photo freight between Ringoes and Flemington June 22.

This train is perfect for railfans and anybody interested in spending an afternoon taking pictures of a variety of railroad equipment. The freight consist will include recently restored Pennsylvania Railroad equipment.

The photo freight requires advance reservations. Call Marian LaRowe at (908) 797-7300 or send e-mail to mlarowe@verizon.net for information and reservations.

On June 23-24, attractions include a passenger train or caboose train ride from Flemington to Ringoes with a tour of the yard. The Ringoes years will feature several operating model train layouts, an open house of a steam locomotive restoration project, a speeder display, a locomotive horn demonstration, and more.

Train tickets will be available at Ringoes and Flemington stations on a first-come, first-served basis June 23-24.

Visit www.brrht.org/railroad-days.html for the full train schedule, fares, and additional information. The Black River and Western Railroad System Web site is www.brrwt.com.



Kryn P. Westhoven, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Public Affairs

Guard celebrates diversity

Spec. Jacqueline Rivera-Buie is serenaded as a member of the Red Hawk Indian Dancers plays a traditional wooden flute during the National Guard Unity Day held at the Joint Training and Training Development Center on June 14. Team Dix and McGuire Air Force Base organizations joined in the Guard event to celebrate diversity in the military.

Gypsy Moth defoliation preventable

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Each spring, they can be found almost everywhere you look. They are squiggly, fuzzy, multi-legged critters that seem to materialize from almost thin air, and they have ravenous appetites. They are gypsy moth caterpillars.

The gypsy moth is not indigenous to the United States. It was brought to this country in 1869 in a failed attempt to begin a silkworm industry. It escaped captivity the first chance it got and has since been a major pest throughout the northeastern states and the southeastern provinces of Canada.

South Jersey has taken a particularly rough beating from the gypsy moth caterpillar during recent years. The moth is not a very picky eater. Although it has a preference for the leaves of the deciduous hardwood trees such as maple, elm, and especially oak, it will feed on apple, alder, birch, poplar, and willow trees. As the caterpillar grows, it will also attack evergreens like pines and spruces. During heavy infestations, the caterpillar will go off the normal menu and eat almost any tree or shrub due to competition for food sources.

Depending on the degree of infestation, the damage can range from light to complete defoliation. Most deciduous hardwoods can survive a moderate amount of defoliation. Many can even survive a complete defoliation by the gypsy moth caterpillar. However, multiple attacks can fatally weaken a tree or leave it susceptible to attack from other insects or disease.



Carolee Nisbet

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Tree damage is caused by the insect larvae, or caterpillars, which hatch beginning in early spring and continuing through mid-May. The caterpillars are mainly nocturnal eaters and relish a good meal of the leaves on the trees on which they hatch, and then move to other sources as they clear out their food supply. They feed until they reach the pupal stage in mid-June or early July.

Once the moths emerge from their cocoons, the males fly to locate the females of their species, who cannot fly. The moth exists only to reproduce, and once the female has laid her eggs, usually from July to September, moths of both sexes die.

According to Roger Smith, Environmental Protection Division, Directorate of Public Works, this year could be the worst of the past 20 years in South Jersey, as far as the infestation goes.

"The gypsy moth caterpillars are done eating now, and the damage that could be done has been done. There is nothing more that can be done to alleviate this year's damage. We are surveying the damage, along with the U.S. Forest Service, who is going to do an aerial survey of Fort Dix for us. Probably 4,000 - 5,000 acres have been affected by some defoliation. Some trees along 8th Street that suffered some defoliation earlier in the spring have already begun to re-leaf," said Smith.

"On the installation, we are surveying the defoliation areas and looking to see where the eggs are being laid so we can begin planning a spraying strategy for next year. Some of the local communities have been pursuing aggressive campaigns against caterpillars. We have been spraying some of the shade trees on the main post. Due to cost and environmental

concerns, aerial spraying is not really a viable option," he added.

It is possible to combat the gypsy moth at the egg, larval (caterpillar) and adult moth stages.

Egg masses appear as one-and-a-half inch tan or buff colored hairs on tree trunks, outdoor furniture or the sides of buildings. When discovered, the egg masses should be burned or soaked with water of kerosene.

The caterpillar changes appearance as it grows. The young caterpillar is about a quarter-inch long and either black or brown. As they mature, bumps develop along their backs with coarse, black hairs. Each of the 11 sections will have two colored spots; the first five sections will have blue spots and the last six sections, red spots. The mature caterpillar can grow to as long as two inches.

You can combat the caterpillars by wrapping your trees with a tree bug band wrap which will prevent the caterpillars from reaching the foliage from the ground. You should also wrap infested trees and nearby unaffected trees to prevent spread.

Once the moth has reached maturity and emerged from its cocoon, you can use Gypsy Moth traps to attract and kill the male moths.

The males are grayish-brown and can fly. The females are larger, whitish with black markings and cannot fly.

You can use a biological insecticide spray to control gypsy moth infestations.

More information about the gypsy moth can be found on the United States Department of Agriculture's forest service Web site, www.fs.fed.us.

MILITARY MATTERS

Bullets

History free-of-charge July 4 at Philly's Franklin Institute

●PHILADELPHIA - The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia is offering free admission to all active and retired military personnel and their families July 4. This includes all Franklin Institute permanent exhibits, Fels Planetarium and Sky Bike.

Other discounted events will also be offered that day for active and retired military personnel and their families.

Those interested should present their valid military ID card at the box office. The institute is located at the corner of 20th Street and the Ben Franklin Parkway, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (215) 448-1200 or visit www.fi.edu.

New behavioral health Web site offers troops, families answers

●WASHINGTON -- What exactly is a Post-Deployment Health Reassessment? Where can I get help for my spouse who is having nightmares about experiences in combat? My buddy said he's thinking about committing suicide, what should I do?

Such questions come to the fore when Soldiers must deal with the stress of war. Now there is a new source for quick access to answers.

A new World Wide Web site -- <http://www.behavioral-health.army.mil> -- provides information for Soldiers, their families and other interested members of the public.

Topics include behavioral-health needs before, during and after deployments; pre- and post- deployment health assessments; posttraumatic stress disorder; suicide prevention; Battlemind training, and resources where Soldiers and families can get help. Links and points of contact are provided for additional information.

"Although many Web sites have information relevant to behavioral health in general, not many are relevant to Army personnel," said Col. Elspeth C. Ritchie, psychiatry consultant to the Army Surgeon General. "We created a portal where people can find relevant and reliable information about behavioral-health needs specific to the Army."

Fifteen to 30 percent of Soldiers returning from Iraq experience posttraumatic stress symptoms or other mental-health symptoms.

This is not unusual after combat. Recognizing and treating these symptoms early is key to preventing them from becoming a disorder such as posttraumatic stress disorder.

From the new site's front page, people can navigate quickly to pages for news about military behavioral-health issues, frequently asked questions or other sources of information. A page labeled "Get Answers" will allow people to submit specific questions to be answered by experts.

Other links from the front page lead to pages where information is gathered for groups of people with common interests -- Soldiers, couples, children, extended families, National Guard, Army Reserve or behavioral-health providers.

"It is for Soldiers and their families not just the nuclear families, but also members of extended families who may not be military healthcare beneficiaries, but can access the Web site," Ritchie said.

Other pages provide information on specific issues, such as posttraumatic stress disorder, suicide prevention, behavioral-health research, Battlemind training or the assessments and reassessments the Army conducts to detect health problems for deploying and redeploying Soldiers.

Some of the tools available will help families recognize symptoms of stress disorders, and help parents explain deployments to children of various ages. Army programs to help -- such as the deployment assessments and Battlemind training, which teaches Soldiers how to improve resiliency and mitigate stress -- are explained.

Ritchie said specific information for unit commanders will be added to the site, as other additions are being made to adjust to changing needs of Soldiers and their families.

Pair of Food Network programs to highlight Forts Hamilton, Dix

●FORT HAMILTON, N.Y., June 13, 2007 - The savory aroma of cedar plank salmon, fire roasted red pepper soup and other gourmet meals tantalized Fort Hamilton guests as Chef Emeril Lagasse presented winners of the "Emeril Live" Military Cookoff April 6 at the Chelsea Market in Manhattan.

The 60-minute show will air 8 p.m. June 29 on the Food Network, and will feature three Army and Navy winners of Emeril's Military Recipe Contest. The contest attracted hundreds of entries from servicemembers as far away as Kuwait and South Korea.

The program will be followed at 8 p.m. June 30 by "Emeril's Military Contest" show, showcasing the talents of U.S. Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard military cookoff winners.

Chef Lagasse, a French-Portuguese American born in Massachusetts who specializes in Cajun and Creole cooking, said he focused on the military because of the respect he has for the armed forces.

"The show was really fun," said Spc. Jessenia Oyola, one of five Soldiers from the Fort Hamilton-based Joint Task Force Empire Shield MTA who sat a few rows from the stage as flavors filled the air. "I had never been to a TV show before and was surprised by the energy that went into it."

What impressed another Soldier was Emeril's "sincerity."

"He was really genuine and enthusiastic," said Spc. Neketa Clarke about the world-famous chef. "He saw us and the military winners as celebrities."

Emeril didn't just cook winning entries his way. He asked advice from the winners and joked with them as they instructed him how to prepare their recipes, said Airman 1st Class Justine Roach from McGuire Air Force Base.

The Army winner was Warrant Officer 4 Travis Smith of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in South Korea.

"We're thrilled. This is a great event that gives the military some positive exposure," said Smith, who coached the popular chef as he prepared his winning recipe. "I'm proud to be part of it."

The second Food Network program to highlight the military will premiere 9 p.m. June 24, "The Next Food Network Star" hosted by Gada De Laurentiis and Paula Deen, will challenge the show's competitors to create the ultimate comfort food and serve it to Soldiers at Fort Dix. The show will air again at midnight June 25, 9 p.m. June 28, midnight June 29, 2 p.m. June 30, 8 p.m. July 1, and 3 a.m. July 2.

A full story about "The Next Food Network Star" coming to Fort Dix is scheduled to appear in the June 29 edition of the Post.



photos by David Moore

SAFE BALANCE -- Sgt. Nelson Vazquez, Joint Task Force Port Opening, Fort Dix, loads his Pallet Loading System (PLS) Vehicle aboard a C-17 aircraft, above and below, with guidance from Airmen with the 6th Aersquadron as part of joint Army and Air Force training June 14.

Joint Task Force Joint Opening preps for humanitarian missions

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

If Soldiers and Airmen from Fort Dix and McGuire AFB were called on to support humanitarian aid missions such as another Hurricane Katrina or tsunami around the world, the personnel must know their expectations and to get their required training.

Mobilized Soldiers of the Joint Task Force Port Opening, mobilized at Fort Dix, spent June 14 loading their Palletized Loading System (PLS) vehicle on and off a McGuire AFB 305th Air Mobility Wing C-17 Globemaster, in the event they are called on with their Air Force counterparts to move massive amounts of equipment and aid into places suffering from a natural disaster.

"What we would do is set up or even repair an existing runway. Then we need to get folks to get the material off the runway to where it needs to go. The JTF may find themselves doing just that," Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Platz, of the 819th Global Support Squadron who arranged the joint training opportunity, said.

The training, involving about 50 members of the JTF, was also opened up to Airmen of McGuire AFB's 621st Contingency Response Wing and 6th Airlift Squadron, who may take on the mission of repairing and opening up a new runway possibly in an austere environment.

While the C-17 Globemaster has the ability to load all of the Army's transportable equipment, the challenges for Soldiers and Airmen alike that day was to get the Army's tactical five-axle truck and three-axle trailer combinations in the right place and secured for flight on the aircraft.

The appearance of the operation appeared to offer plenty of aircraft space for the 33-ton gross capacity truck and trailer combination to fit. But the ability to move it on the aircraft and secure it certainly became a skill that required proficiency when a Soldier is driving the vehicle on the aircraft and Airmen have to secure the vehicle with only inches for a safe tolerance level.

"You cannot get proficient at loading this aboard an aircraft in a classroom. You can only get proficient using a real world training scenario and come out and do it," Sgt. Rafael Rodriguez, of the JTF, said.



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Soldiers thirst for liquid logistics exercise

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

Approximately 270 Soldiers from the 99th Regional Readiness Command converged on Fort Dix for their annual training exercise.

Soldiers participating in this year's Quartermaster's Liquid Logistics Exercise (QLLEX) focused on two operations simultaneously - one providing fuel to keep the equipment operating, the other providing water for drinking and the washing of clothes and body.

Providing real-world training in the processing of fuel and water, Soldiers from the 14th and 475th Quartermasters Companies, 298th and 630th Transportation Companies, as well as Soldiers from the 79th Medical Detachment brought their expertise to Fort Dix.

Faced with the monumental task of storing, processing and the distribution of fuel, Soldiers from the 475th QM operated around the clock pushing fuel to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., Atlantic City, Delaware, Willow Grove, Pa., and McGuire Air Force Base.

The setting up of the fuel systems requires full team participation, an operation that includes not just the attaching of hoses and fittings, but the construction of a protective berm that holds the bag liner and bag.

"We can set up a complete system, with berm, in 14 hours," said Capt. Tony Nieman, commander of the 475th.

Assuming command of the unit 18 months ago, Nieman, a military technician, has participated in two other QLLEX missions and now commands a unit boasting 80 percent combat veterans.

With each fuel bag capable of storing 50,000 gallons of diesel or jet fuel, this three bag fuel farm could off load and load a five thousand gallon line-haul tanker in 35 to 40 minutes.

By the time the fueling mis-

sion ended, the Soldiers' involved in the fueling operation could walk away proudly aware that they were able to provide and transport over 500,000 gallons of fuel.

"I think that it was an excellent operation; even though we had a minor training accident, we were able to turn a true negative to a true positive," said Nieman.

Operating elsewhere on Fort Dix, Soldiers of the 14th QM Co. Water Purification Unit, established themselves around the installation's Brindle Lake area.

Transforming murky, swamp water into water suitable for drinking, showering and laundry, these Soldiers performed their god-like deed aiding others at the ranges and areas on Fort Dix.

Utilizing a Tactical Water Distribution System capable of producing up to 25,000 gallons daily, the final product cannot be released for public consumption until it has been certified

potable - a process that takes 24 hours - by the medical personnel from the 79th Medical Detachment.

Processing water at a rate of 350 gallons per minute, the Soldiers of the 14th produced in excess of 50,000 gallons of water during their training. While this number is not as impressive at the 1.3 million gallons that was provided for the Sailors at Crane Naval Base in Indiana, the service that they provided to the Soldiers in the field will not go unnoticed.

"We can purify up to 3,000 gallons of water an hour," said Spc. Christina Stevens, water purification specialist.

After attending a 13 week course for water purification specialist, Soldiers are able to take contaminated water sources, and through processes developed throughout their training, turn out a potable water supply.

"The military water standards are higher than that of the civilian world," concluded Stevens.

"The military water standards are higher than that of the civilian world."
Spc. Christina Stevens



GO WITH THE FLOW -- Private 1st Class Andrew Wilhelm of the 475th Quartermaster Group, above, removes fuel from a tanker during the Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise (QLLEX) at Fort Dix. A TLC contractor, left, fills a water tanker in support of the annual exercise.



photos by Pascual Flores



PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW -- Spc. Christina Stevens, 14th Quartermaster Detachment, left, explains the dials and gauges involved in operating the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit (ROWPU). The ROWPU, above, is connected to a 3,000-gallon water bladder filled with water cleaned by the unit.



It's good to be the King

Capt. Benjamin King, above left, accepts the unit guidon from Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, commander, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, during a change-of-command ceremony for Bravo Company June 14. Passing of the guidon symbolizes the transferral of command responsibility from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander. Maj. Ana Callahan, outgoing commander, Bravo Company, far right, receives a collage of photos from a representative of the USO and Vietnam Veterans of America N.J. Chapter 899. Callahan is moving on to an assignment in Iraq.

photos by Wayne Cook



Announcements



Movie Schedule at the McGuire AFB Theatre Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, June 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
28 Weeks Later - Robert Carlyle, Rose Byrne, Jeremy Renner, Harold Perrineau, Jr., Catherine McCormack - Six months have passed since the rage virus has annihilated the British Isles. The U.S. Army declares that the war against infection has been won, and that the reconstruction of the country can begin. As the first wave of refugees return, a family is reunited—but one of them unwittingly carries a terrible secret. The virus is not yet dead, and this time—showing no outward symptoms—it is more dangerous than ever.

MPAA Rating: R - strong violence and gore, language and some sexuality/nudity

Run time: 91 minutes

Saturday, June 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Condemned - "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, Robert Mammone, Victoria Mussett, Manu Bennett, Madeleine West - Jack Conrad (Steve Austin) is a death-row inmate awaiting execution in a Central American jail when a TV producer buys him and takes him to a remote island. There, Jack and nine other prisoners learn they are to fight each other to the death, with freedom as the prize for the sole survivor. The producer plans to broadcast the event live and uncensored over the Internet.

MPAA Rating: R - pervasive strong brutal violence, and for language

Run time: 100 minutes

Future Features...

Bug
Friday, June 29 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 107 minutes.

Shrek the Third
Saturday, June 30 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG, 93 minutes.

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant at 9 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. Gospel at 11:30 a.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

Effective 7 June Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at 1230 every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday through Thursday, 9 Aug. 2007

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel hold a Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Christian Men of the Chapel hold a Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel
Every second and fourth Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

Vacation Bible School

June 25 - 29
9:00 a.m. to noon
Ages 4 to 12

Registration forms available at the chapel or by calling 562-2020

Volunteers are needed for Fort Dix Special Observances

Committees
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Black History Month
Women's History Month
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Women's Equality Day
Hispanic Heritage Month
Native American Heritage Month

For more information call
Denise Horton at 562-4011

Army Community Service Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

June 26
Hearts Apart
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Army Community Service

June 28
EFMP Kidz-Plus Swimming
5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Know Your Benefits
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Army Community Service

June 29
International Spouse Group
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Army Community Service

Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
562-5061

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

June Schedule

Mondays - Fridays
Power Hour
2 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab
4:30 - 6 p.m.

Tuesdays
SMART Start
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays
Sports and Fitness
3:35 - 4:45 p.m.

Thursdays
Tech Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Fridays
Arts and Crafts
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program 754-9680

July Schedule

Play Groups
Mondays
Toddlers

Wednesdays
Infants

Child Development Center #1
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
No Play Groups July 4

The More the Merrier: Playgroup for Multiples
first Friday of the month
PAX terminal

Anger Management
last three Fridays of the month
Health and Wellness Center
1 - 3 p.m.

July 13

Pregnancy 101
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

305th Medical Group, 2nd Floor, Resource Room
Must sign up prior to event to attend

July 14

Child Birth Preparation
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Virtual Memorial Hospital
Mount Holly

For information and registration call 754-9680

Family Advocacy
562-5200
Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258

Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

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562-5888
Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
During the day Starr Tour buses are used.
In evening the military Bluebird buses are run.

**Dix Shoppette/Class Six/
Gas Station**
723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.

Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BX/PX & Mall
723-6100

Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary
754-4154
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. (early bird) to 8 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Military Clothing/Sales

Store-Alterations
723-2307
Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Firestone
723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreation Center
562-4956
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

Fort Dix Post Office
723-1541
6038 West 9th St.
Monday to Friday -- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:00 a.m. to noon
Lobby hours
Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Burger King

723-8937
Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
McGuire Gas Station

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Spouses' Club Thrift Shop
723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dining Facilities

Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast a.m. Mon - Sun 6:00 to 7:30
Lunch Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, snows of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

Java Cafe and Computer Lab @Club Dix
723-3272

Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday - Closed.

McGuire Shoppette

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Club Dix

723-3272

Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Revolutions Lounge
Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.



Staff Sgt. Adam T. Navarro

CITIZENS, SOLDIERS, WARRIORS -- Col. Michael Miklos, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, left presents Welcome Home Warrior Citizen awards to Capt. Michael Shanley, 2nd Training Support Battalion, 309th Regiment, during a ceremony held at Kelly Reserve Center June 14. Lt. Col. Elliot Coley, 2/309th commander, is pictured in back.

Returning troops honored

Staff Sgt. Adam T. Navarro
72nd Field Artillery PA

Soldiers of the 2nd Training Support Battalion of the 309th Regiment took part in a Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen award ceremony at the Kelly Reserve Center June 14.

"This country is great and you here today are the reason it's great," said Col. Michael T. Miklos, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade commander, higher headquarters awards presenter. The welcome-home ceremony was held to thank and acknowledge 56 returning mobilized Soldiers for all their hard work in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Master Sgt. Raul Gonzalez-Rivera, a 25-year veteran, returned from his deployment with Task Force Troy in Bag-

dad where he gained current insight on how U.S. and Coalition troops detect and counter-act IEDs while performing route clearing missions to pass on to units mobilizing at Dix.

"This country is great and you here today are the reason it's great."

Col. Michael T. Miklos
72nd Field Artillery
Brigade commander

"Today's ceremony is recognition for a job well done, it shows that this unit cares about its Soldiers," said Gonzalez-Rivera.

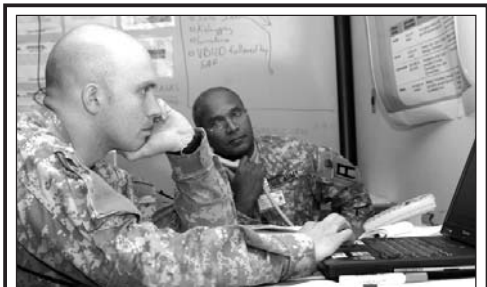
Capt. Michael Shanley, an observer controller/trainer with the 2/309th is an 11-year veteran, returned from his first

deployment to Iraq. His mission at Camp Bucca was to embed with deployed units to learn and bring back tactics, techniques, and procedures from the battlefield to better train Soldiers who are currently preparing for deployment.

"It's important that the Army created this awards ceremony to highlight all Soldiers' sacrifices in support of the mission," said Shanley.

Soldiers were presented with tokens of appreciation such as shadow boxes, flags, and pins by Lt. Col. Elliot Coley, commander of the 2/309th, and Louis D. Tinsley, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade command sergeant major.

Afterwards, everyone at the ceremony celebrated the U.S. Army's 232nd birthday with a loud rendition of the Army Song followed by the cutting of the Army birthday cake.



Ryan Morton

Training to standard

Staff Sgt. Tim Esterheld, 378th Military Intelligence Battalion, Army Reserve, left, participates in his unit's Army Training Evaluation Program (ARTEP) under the watchful eye of Master Sgt. Julian Jenkins, observer controller/trainer, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

First Army trains mobilizing Guard, Reserve Soldiers on counterinsurgency doctrine

Karen Bradshaw
First U.S. Army PA

"Insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan were not the wars for which we were best prepared in 2001; however, they are the wars we are fighting...and are the kind of wars we must master."

General David Petraeus,
commander, Multi-National
Force-Iraq

Units must be skilled in the art of counterinsurgency. First Army trainers are ensuring that deploying National Guard and Army Reserve leaders and Soldiers understand the doctrine and strategies before their boots hit the ground in Iraq.

Soldiers have to know that insurgents want to influence politics and gain power by creating chaos and unrest in the population and swaying public opinion to drive a wedge between the people and the government.

Counterinsurgency doctrine includes driving a wedge between the insurgents and the people by building trust in coalition forces and the legitimate Iraqi government.

In the past year, more than 80 First Army Soldiers have graduated from the Army's Counterinsurgency Center for Excellence (COIN CE) at Taji, Iraq.

Known as the COIN Academy in short-hand lingo, the school teaches an intense one-week classroom course of Iraqi history, cultures, customs of the various regions, counterinsurgency planning, techniques and applications.

After the classroom training, First Army students enter a practical phase where they embed in coalition units living alongside Iraqi security forces in a teaching, coaching, mentoring mode that includes patrols and other operations.

"We learned to inject leadership skills and confidence in the Iraqis, coaching and influencing them to step up to the plate to handle their own missions," said Maj. Justin Fiew, recent COIN CFE graduate and S-3, First Army, 205th Infantry Brigade, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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COIN program manager.

"We are already injecting counterinsurgency strategies into First Army's realistic and demanding Theater Immersion training for our deploying Soldiers at Fort Dix," said Col. Michael Miklos, commander of First Army's 72nd Field Artillery Brigade. "In fact, COIN is the framework for all training at Fort Dix."

Gen. David Petraeus, the senior American commander in Iraq, spoke at the COIN Academy and said, "Our focus on securing the population means that U.S. and coalition forces cannot commute to the fight. You must live in the area of operations 24/7."

"I count on each of you to

embrace the warrior-builder-diplomat spirit as we grapple with the demands that securing the population and helping it rebuild will require," he continued.

"Because the counterinsurgency campaign is a mix of offensive, defensive and stability operations, leaders at all levels must learn to adjust their approach constantly," said Lt. Col. Robert Felland, First Army, 205th Infantry Brigade and recent First Army liaison officer who served for six months at the COIN academy.

"By inserting counterinsurgency events into Theater Immersion Training, the lessons become transparent to Soldiers. Learning in a hands-on environment through scenario-driven events, Soldiers take away a better understanding of COIN principles," said Maj. Chuck Russell, battalion executive officer for First Army's 2/337th Battalion, 205th Infantry Brigade at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Insurgents frequently change their tactics and methods, so staying operationally current is vital when training Soldiers like they will fight as mandated by First Army commander, Lt. Gen. Russell L. Honoré.

First Army planners keep training viable and up-to-date by studying after action reviews and digesting the steady stream of data fed from First Army liaison officers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Battle updates are swiftly translated into operational techniques, tactics and procedures for the mobilization station training lanes so National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers can train like they will fight.

Since 9-11, First Army has mobilized, trained and deployed more than 460,000 National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers for the war on terrorism.

First Army's top NCO becomes senior enlisted advisor in Iraq

Sgt. 1st Class Gwendolyn
Coley
Army News Service

When Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill became First Army's top NCO in 2005, he succeeded Jeffrey J. Mellinger, who had become the senior enlisted advisor for Multi-National Force - Iraq.

Now, as Hill prepares for deployment in Iraq, First Army's top NCO will again become the senior enlisted advisor of MNF-Iraq, which is divided into six major areas of responsibility maintained by forces from 26 countries.

"The fact that two First Army command sergeants major in a row have left this command to take over the top NCO position for our military's top priority mission in Iraq speaks very highly of the quality of leadership this command has enjoyed for the past several years," said Lt. Col. Richard Steele, First Army's public affairs chief.

Both command sergeants major helped ensure that First Army consistently trains its Soldiers like they will fight, Steele said.

"Their extremely high standards live on as First Army continues to prepare our nation's sons and daughters for war," he said. "The only mission more important than that is the actual conduct of the war on the ground in theater, and we are very proud of and grateful to Command Sgt. Maj. Mellinger and Command Sgt. Maj. Hill for doing both."

Deploying to Iraq, and even working with Gen. David Petraeus is not new for Hill, a Memphis, Tenn., native. He served as Petraeus' senior enlisted advisor as the 101st Airborne Division command sergeant major at Fort Campbell, Ky. From 2003-2004, Hill was deployed in northern Iraq, along with more than 20,000 Screaming Eagles of the 101st.

The unit liberated the holy city of Najaf and its sister city Kufa in the first significant combat action in Iraq.

Petraeus, the MNF-Iraq commander, said he welcomes



Command Sgt. Maj.
Marvin L. Hill

the reunion.

"Marvin Hill was an awesome division CSM in combat -- as well as back home," said Petraeus in an e-mail message from Iraq. "I cannot imagine a better air assault buddy. He was a tremendous wingman, a CSM who was also out with our troopers, sharing hardship and risk with them, and providing a terrific example and lots of energy."

"He was one of those great senior NCOs, in fact, who makes things happen. And he did that repeatedly as the 101st Airborne Division's CSM during the fight to Baghdad and our subsequent stability operations in northern Iraq. He'll be a tremendous MNF-I CSM!"

During a speech at his change of command ceremony in February, Petraeus acknowledged that the situation in Iraq is exceedingly challenging, that the stakes are high.

"Our job in the months ahead, supporting and working with Iraqi forces, will be to improve security so that the Iraqi government can resolve the tough issues it faces and so that the economy and basic services can be improved," he said in February. "These tasks are achievable. This mission is doable."

Hill says that his work at First Army helped prepare him to be the MNF-Iraq command sergeant major.

"The First Army CSM position is a unique position in that it exposed me to many unfamiliar areas of Army Operations and procedures, in particular when it comes to our

National Guard and Army Reserve forces," he said. "It rounded me out as a Soldier and senior leader. I am sure that my predecessor can attest to the same."

As First Army's command sergeant major, Hill said that one of his major challenges has been getting the rest of the Army to understand the importance of First Army's mission of providing proficiency training to deploying Soldiers and units to ensure they are prepared for combat.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Hill's first thought is taking care of Soldiers," said Lt. Gen. Russell Honoré, First Army commander and Hill's boss since 2005. "He will be seeing the fruits of his labors when he visits Reserve Component troops in Iraq that were trained by First Army."

During his tenure as First Army command sergeant major, Hill developed a relationship with state sergeants major and governing officials and helped bridge the transition of the Army National Guard and Reserves from a strategic reserve to an operational force. He also oversaw the mobilization, training and deployment of more than 108,000 Soldiers in 8,200 units, with the movement of more than 50,000 vehicles and pieces of equipment in support of the war on terrorism.

Hill said he anticipates that his biggest challenge in his new position will be spreading himself thin enough to make an immediate and lasting impact on the entire force, whether Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, coalition or contractors. And, he said, he looks forward to maintaining the style of leadership that has become his legacy: on the ground, where the troops are.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Hill has been chosen to lead Soldiers in the most dynamic environment today and would rather be a player instead of an observer," said Honoré. "He has made a true difference at First Army and will always be part of our family. We will miss him, but our Soldiers need him in Iraq."



Team Dix pays tribute to Old Glory

Fort Dix Soldiers and civilians, below, honor the U.S. Flag during Retreat June 14. Retreat is a daily ceremony held as the U.S. Flag is lowered at the end of the work day. The origin of this ceremony is very obscure, but there is no doubt that it was one of the earliest to be instituted in the Army. In olden times, when the hours of darkness meant a cessation of hostilities until the following day, the object of the call was to collect and post the necessary guards for the camp, garrison, etc., for the night. It was also a warning for those outside the camp or garrison to retire or they would be kept outside for the night.

photos by Wayne Cook



Walson Medical Element gets new commander



Wayne Cook

TAKING THE LEAD — Col. Judith Robinson, left, accepts the guidon of the Walson Army Medical Support Element from Col. Norvell V. (Van) Coots, commander, Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, during a change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix June 7.

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Col. Judith Robinson assumed command of the Walson Army Medical Support Element (WAMSE) during a change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix June 7.

Robinson replaces outgoing commander Lt. Col. Albert Martins, who is returning to the Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, N.C., as the Chief of Neurology Service, Department of Internal Medicine.

Presiding over the ceremony was Col. Norvell V. (VAN) Coots, commander, Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, N.Y.

"Today is a memorable day. For one, it is the end of a mission; to the other, it is the beginning of a brand new day. It is the mission of this organization to provide the very best care to those who support the mission overseas. Lt. Col. Martins faced the challenges of this command in fine style. He remained cool when under pressure. Col. Robinson is a friend and colleague of many years. I want to pass on a few words of wisdom from Gen.

George Patton: "When in command, command," said Coots.

Martins has been the interim commander of the WAMSE, the medical processing half of the operations at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) on Baltimore Avenue. His duties included the oversight and direction of medical processing of deploying and redeploying Soldiers from the overseas arena.

"In the one year, one month and one week that I have been in command, the unit has continued to grow and mature. With the oversight of Col. David McNeil (installation commander) we now have a new, world-class facility. We have passed through the pains of adolescence and prepared to move forward into the marathon that lies ahead. As I leave, I carry not only a satisfaction, but a pride of all that you have accomplished. I will use you as the yardstick by which I measure all that I encounter through the rest of my career," said Martins.

Robinson was short on words but got right to the point. She told the members of the WAMSE that she looked forward to working with them and

expected nothing but their very best efforts.

"I am honored to take command of such a fine unit," she said.

Robinson is a native of Iowa. An Army Medical Department plans and operations officer, Robinson has served more than 22 years of active-duty service. She has served at every level from platoon leader to Army staff.

Her assignments have included several opportunities to command: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Division (Gelnhausen, Germany), Medical Hold and Student Detachment, Womack Army Community Hospital (Fort Bragg, N.C.), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 44th Medical Brigade (Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Fort Bragg, N.C.), and one year as the acting commander of the 21st Combat Support Hospital (Fort Hood, Texas).

Other significant positions have included: Chief, Medical Operations, Medical Element, Joint Task Force-B (Honduras), Instructor, Military Science Division, AMEDDC&S (Fort Sam Houston, Texas), Chief, Division Medical Operations Center, 1st Armored Division (FOR Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bad Kreuznach, Germany), Executive Officer, 21st CSH (Fort Hood, Texas), Combat Service Support Branch Chief, United States Army Force Management Support Agency (Fort Belvoir, Va.), and G-3 Europe Region Medical Company/Chief Medical Operations United States Army Europe (Heidelberg, Germany).

Robinson holds several degrees including a Masters of International Management (American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Az.), Masters of Education (Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.), and a Fellowship in Military Medical History (Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.). She is currently completing a Masters of

Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Her awards include a Bronze Star Medal and six Meritorious Service Medals.

Robinson comes to Fort Dix from Headquarters Department

of the Army G-3/5/7.

Her son, Travis, is a sophomore at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he is majoring in philosophy and classics.

USO continues tradition

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at Bravo Company for use when troops return so that food can be prepared on-site instead of prepared and trucked in.

Liberty USO continues to provide the highest quality of support to the troops as was envisioned by Roosevelt.

"There's so much enthusiasm for Liberty USO outreach efforts and projects here at Fort Dix among the local community. One of the important things we do is to provide a bridge for civilians to express their affection and esteem for our military. Through the Charlie Company Patient Lounge, the renovation of the Bravo Company kitchen and even the trailer at Camp Victory (the FOB), we enable them to do just that," said D.J. Stanhope, president and chief operating officer, USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Inc.

Another program the USO sponsors is Operation Salute, where annually they select a member from each branch of the military who is recognized for outstanding performance of duties.

The members selected each receive a proclamation from the mayor of Philadelphia, are hosted at a black-tie gala, hosted at different sporting events throughout the Philadelphia area, and recognized as hometown heroes, and more.

Another campaign being run by Liberty USO to support the troops is a USO fundraiser — Golfing for our Heroes. The tournament is being held at the Fountain Greens Golf Course on Fort Dix June 25. Included as part of the event is a continental breakfast, tour of the FOB, a luncheon, a round of golf, a cocktail reception and silent auction, and dinner.

The tournament is geared for and focused at businesses in the greater Philadelphia area and Southern New Jersey, but is not exclusive of others who would like to participate. To inquire about sponsorships or tournament information, call Kristen Hillenbrand or Kim Iapalucci, USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Inc., at (215) 365-8880.

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.

Military personnel in formation or in a group

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of To the Colors.

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of To the Colors.

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of Retreat. Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of To the Colors, then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

*Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

The Griffith Field House will be open 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 26 because of Team Dix Day.

Junior Golf

Golf lessons will be offered to kids 4-17 at the Fort Dix Golf Course. Starting June 25 at 4 p.m., junior golfers will attend a one-week course.

Cost is \$60 per student. Families with more than one student will pay \$30 per student.

For more information, call 562-2166.

Youth Sports registration

It's time to get ready for some football! Youth Sports will be holding football and cheerleading registration May 1 - July 27.

An annual registration fee of \$18 is required, along with a fee of \$80 for football or \$50 for cheerleading.

Participants must be registered with Child Youth Services.

Call 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

Golf Classic Scramble

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers is presenting the Jersey Devil Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Classic

Scramble.

The event will be Monday, July 9 at the McGuire Golf Course.

Cost for the event is \$60 and includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch and drinks. Money is due by July 3.

Call 732-427-3835 for more information.

Outdoor Recreation

Get outside and enjoy the weather with a trip with Outdoor Rec.

July 7

Dolphin watching

Cost: Adult \$45

Children \$30

July 14-15

Canoe/Kayak & camp

Cost: \$45

July 18

Rock Climbing

Cost: Adult \$35

Children \$25

July 20

Blue Fishing

Cost: Adult \$55

Children \$40

For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727.

Local speedway offers discount

Once again New Egypt Speedway is offering a discount off the price of an adult admission ticket to all active duty military personnel and their spouses, with proper ID.

For more info call (609) 758-1900 or visit the track's website at www.newegyptspeedway.net.

Play Soccer!!!

Fort Dix Youth Sports League



Registrations Run from June 18th to July 27th

(Practices Start the First Week of August.)

★ Soccer Registrations are open to Dependents or Family Members of Active Duty, Retired Military, DOD Civilians, or Contractors that have their Child Registered with CYSL.

★ Children ages 3 - 8 are eligible to register during Open Registration. Children ages 9 - 10 will be put on a Waiting List.

★ Before Play, all Children must have a current Physical.



For More Information,
Please Contact **Chris** or
Steve at the Youth Sports Office
(609) 562-2819/5519



Sox stay on hot streak, win championship



Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Teams like to be on the upswing as the head into the playoffs. The Fort Dix Red Sox have been putting it all together for the past couple of weeks,

and were peaking just as the playoffs were getting started.

"We finished the regular season in second place with a 9-7 record. We finished with a 7-1 victory over the Astros and a 20-1 win over the Cubs," said coach Steve Uzleber. "Most of the players have improved greatly since the beginning of the season."

The team was firing on all cylinders, and players were starting to play at the next level, just in time for the playoffs.

"Felipe Hernandez hit a three-run home run and Brandon Cromwell had a grand slam," said Uzleber.

Coach U hoped his team could continue to ride its hot streak as the playoffs started last week.

With Felipe Hernandez and Kyle Kerr each pitching three innings, the Red Sox beat the Giants 3-1 in the first playoff game.

"Antione Wilson had the game winning RBI and Michael McCoy scored the go ahead run," said Uzleber after the game.

Next up would be the Astros. The Red Sox lost 9-1, and would have to fight through the loser bracket to make it to the final.

"We had to win the next three games to gain the title," said the coach.

Before setting their sites on the championship game, the team regrouped and faced off against their next opponent. Regaining their winning ways wouldn't be easy. Their opponent in the loser round was the top-seeded Cubs.

The Sox were up to the challenge, beating the Cubs 18-6. Now it was on to the final round. If the Red Sox were to get a championship, they would have to win, twice.

"The playoffs is a double-elimination tournament, so we had to beat the Astros twice to win," said Uzleber.

The Red Sox had beaten the

Astros before, but that was during the regular season. Playoff time is more intense, and beating a team in the past is no guarantee of another victory.

"At this level all the teams use their best pitchers, so our hitters had to really focus to be successful," said Uzleber.

The Sox would have their own ace on the mound. Actually, it would be ace. Pitching duty would continue to be split between Felipe Hernandez and Kyle Kerr.

"They did a great job," said

Uzleber about his two pitchers.

The Red Sox won a close 8-7 game against the Astros.

Now each team had a loss, and game two would determine a champion for the Pemberton League.

Game two would see the Red Sox continue their winning ways, beating the Astros 11-1 to take the Major League Championship.

"We had some young players step up to contribute to the team's success," said Uzleber. "Connor Wallace, Isaiah Wilson, Antione Wilson and Dustin Rice all played well. Michael Sifford was presented the game ball for doing a great job behind the plate. He caught every inning in the playoffs. Brandon Cromwell, Joseph Oswald and Hashim Russell did a lot to help the team win. My only regret was Micah Cotton could not be with us due to a family emergency."

The success of the Red Sox can be attributed to their effort and dedication.

"This team worked hard all season and played together as a team, winning is their reward," said Uzleber.

Though the team is still celebrating its championship, the coach is already excited about next year, hoping the Red Sox will again take the championship title.

"I am looking forward to next season when most of these players return," he said.



Tonya Wallace

photos by Ed Mingin

CHAMPS -- The Fort Dix Red Sox started coming on strong near the end of the season, and put it all together in time for the playoffs. The team was rewarded for their effort by winning the championship. Michael Sifford, left, was awarded the game ball for his efforts behind the plate as catcher. Brandon Cromwell, above left, hit a grand-slam to help his team to a 20-1 victory over the Cubs during the playoffs. Cromwell wasn't the only power hitter, as Felipe Hernandez hit a three-run home run in the same game. Kyle Kerr, above, split pitching duty with Hernandez during the championship run.

FCI rebounds for dramatic win in final game

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

With an early-morning downpour, it looked unlikely that preseason tournament would happen June 20.

"I looked at the field while they were working on it, and I didn't think they'd make it,"

said Chris O'Donnell, sports coordinator at the Griffith Field House.

But Jim Armstrong, facility manager for the Field House refused to give up.

"I was working on it and I wasn't so sure we'd make it. We opened it up this morning, thinking the rain was over," said Armstrong. "Then it started raining again and set us back a bit."

Armstrong and his crew did get the field prepped before the first pitch, and watched as FCI came back from a 12-point

deficit to beat Steel Angel for the preseason championship.

FCI held all the cards at first. As top seed, they only needed to win one game in the double-loss series. Steel Angel would have to win two for their hopes for a championship to be realized.

FCI jumped to an early 3-point lead, only to see Steel Angel start a hitting frenzy and go on to a 13-7 victory.

Now things were even, and

it would all be decided with the second game.

FCI stumbled at the start of game two, as Steel Angel had their bats fired up and jumped to a 13-1 lead. FCI came roaring back in the bottom of the fourth, scoring nine runs. FCI continued with the hits, scoring four more runs to take a 1-point lead.

The FCI defense clamped down near the end of the game, holding on to their lead as the teams headed into the final inning. Steel Angel started putting runners on base, but a dramatic double play ended the game with FCI throwing out a runner at home plate to take the 14-13 win.



photos by Ed Mingin

CLOSE CALL -- Mike Marches tried to spark his team for a comeback with some aggressive base running, sliding into second just ahead of the tag from Steel Angel's Mike Lipsy. The championship went down to the wire, with FCI barely edging out Steel Angel, at left, to win the final game 14-13.



Ryan Morton

Cup winners

The June 13 Commander's Cup was won by the team of Bud Morgan, Lois Sickles, Mike Friedman and Mike Toner, pictured above with the club-pro Bill Lyons.